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1. VEB Yachtwerft Berlin, Berlin-Koepenick, is subordinate to the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction, HV Schiffbau, and is divided into the following branches:

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Plant A: Koepenick, Wendenschlosstr. 366
Plant B: Friedrichshagen, Friedrichshagener Damm (formerly Hoffman-Werft).
Plant C: Gruenau, Gruenauerstr., Jugendwerft.
Plant D: Sasseplatz, Koepenick, Wendenschlosstr.
Plant E: Gemaplatz, Koepenick, Spantanbau. 1

2. Approximately 1,600 employees, of whom 900 are operatives (including 10 - 15 females); 130 apprentices; 120 plant guards (armed with pistols when on duty); 450 clerks and secretaries, 250 of whom are female.

3. Main Departments:

- a. Shipyard Management, consisting of the shipyard director, department for the control of credits, security engineer, chief dispatcher, and the research office.
- b. Technical Management, consisting of the construction office and technology department.
- c. Production Management, consisting of direction and deployment, plant management, and specialist spheres.
- d. Main Accounts, consisting of bookkeeping, economic control, plant accounts, wages office, balance sheets, and auditing.
- e. Commercial Management, consisting of bookkeeping, sales, supply, and costing.

4. 1954 Building Program:

- a. Additional construction of Schwalbe-type vessels; 18 fishing vessels for the USSR; 220 jolly boats (Piraten) of which approximately 30 are for export; 30 Olympia yawls, of which approximately 5 are for export and 50 H-class yawls,

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of which approximately 35 are for export.

- b. The production plan for 1954 was fulfilled by only 80%.
- c. Production outlay only for 1954 was 24,000,000 DME.

5. Production Plan for 1955

- a. Output was fixed at 21,000,000 DME, of which the first quarter was fulfilled by 67% and the second quarter by 108%.
- b. Twenty-seven Schwalbe-type vessels, destined as minelayers for the Seepolizei. These ships have the following specification: 32 m. long, 6 m. beam, 60 cm. draught. Delivery price fixed by the Ministry of the Interior - 700,000 DME; actual cost - 1,250,000 DME. As of September 1955, 12 of these craft have been delivered, but actually they were part of the building plan for 1954 and could not be completed in time.
- c. Nineteen fishing vessels for the USSR, with radio installation; 9 tons capacity, the ships' hulls are being built in the shipyard at Fuerstenberg/Oder and the superstructure by Koepenick. The cost of the superstructure and fitting out is 101,000 DME, making the total cost of the vessel between 310,000 and 320,000 DME, according to the cost of the radio installation. Six of these vessels had been delivered as of 30 June 1955.
- d. Three hundred fifty jolly boats (Piraten) of which approximately 60 have been exported. Price ex yard 2,400 DME, HO price 2,750 DME. As of September 1955, 250 Piraten have been delivered.

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6. Export Prices:

Export prices are fixed by the DIA after the boats have been exhibited at foreign trade fairs. The price is always below the home market price.

7. Profit and Loss:

The total loss for 1954 was 4,200,000 DME; for 1955, as of 30 June 1955, 775,000 DME. These losses are caused mainly by delays in output, extra costs of finding alternative supplies, and increased wages.

At the moment, a court case is being prepared on the subject of the Schwalbe-type vessel. The shipyard is asking 1,250,000 DME for this type of vessel and the Ministry of the Interior is only prepared to pay 700,000 DME. Should the court decide in favor of the Ministry of the Interior, the yard would have to be prepared to meet a loss of 550,000 DME per ship.

Comment: According to Verzeichnis der Industriebetriebe der Sowjetischen Besatzungszone Deutschlands published by the East German Government prior to 1 April 1950, probably in 1949, VEB Yachtwerft Berlin, Berlin-Koepenick, was made up of the following yards: Claus Engelbrecht Yachtwerft GmbH, Wendenschlossstr. 366; Bernhard Brumm, Berlin-Friedrichshagen, Muegelseedamm 42/70; and Oswald Ernst, Berlin-Koepenick Gruenauer Str. 167.

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